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SUBJ: (LOU) CASTRO TO VISIT MEXICO

1. GRANMA, MAY 15, REPORTS THAT FIDEL CASTRO WILL MEET
WITH MEXICAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO, MAY 17-18 ON
COZUMEL AT INVITATION OF JLP.

2. COMMENT: MEXICAN AMBASSADOR MADERO HAS TOLD US
PREVIOUSLY THAT CASTRO HAD A STANDING INVITATION TO COME
TO MEXICO, BUT CUBANS HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT INVITATION
PREVIOUSLY DUE TO CONCERN OVER CASTRO'S PERSONAL SECURITY.
SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS PRESUMABLY EXPLAIN COZUMEL LOCATION.
FROM CUBAN POINT OF VIEW, CASTRO VISIT WILL BE USED TO
POINT UP CUBA'S LINKS WITH NON-SOVIET WORLD ON EVE OF SEPT NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT SUMMIT AN EFFORT HAVANAIS PURSUING TO OFFSET
CRITICISM OF CUBA'S PREVIOUS BALD ENDORSEMENT OF A PRO-SOVIET
POSTURE. (OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS EFFORT ARE FOREIGN
MINISTER MALMIERCA'S RECENT SWING THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE,
CASTRO'S ANTICIPATED VISIT TO SPAIN, AND THE LEAK IN U.S
PRESS OF POSSIBLE CASTRO VISIT TO NEW YORK.) IN ADDITION,
CUBANS HERE CONTINUE TO SPEAK ABOUT POSSIBLE MEXICAN PETROLEUM
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SALES TO CUBA ON SOVIET ACCOUNT. PRESUMABLY, SUCH SALES COULD
OFFSET CRITICISM FROM LEFTIST, NATIONALIST CIRCLES IN MEXICO OVER
JLP GAS NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S.
GLASSMAN

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